

The first section of the proposed bill provides that all defences, both of law and of fact, may be insisted on under pleas of general issue.

The second section provides that the courts shall by rules guard against surprises by either party.

The third section provides that amendments may be made where the plaintiff has mistaken his form of action, and it abolishes special demurrers.

All which is respectfully submitted,

NATH. WILLIAMS, of Balt. city.

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city,

Said reports were made the orders of the day for Thursday next the 13th inst.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of A. A.,

(Seconded by two other members that voted in the majority) the House reconsidered their vote upon the bill, reported by Mr. Freeman, and passed on yesterday, entitled, an act regulating fishing on the Potomac river, during certain months, and concerning obstructions to fishing on said river,

Mr. Long then moved to lay said bill on the table,

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Long then moved to make said bill the order of the day for Thursday next the 13th inst ;

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Stewart, of A. A., reported a bill entitled, an act supplementary to an act entitled, an act to provide for the better regulation of free negroes and mulatto children within this State, passed at December session 1842, ch. 35 :

Which was read and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Lynch, from the committee on Corporations, made a favorable report upon the bill entitled, an act for the separation of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland and its branches ;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city, from the select committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled, an act for the closing of L alley in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes, reported the same without amendment ;

The said bill was then read the first and by a special order the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Balt. city,

The House took up for consideration the bill reported by him entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to declare and ascertain the right of citizens of this State to private roads and ways,

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Balt. city,

Said bill was recommitted.

The bill reported by Mr. Archer, entitled, an act to amend the constitution of the State of Maryland, and define and limit the power of the Legislature,